

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/826,214

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3-5-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-13.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 04/16/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 7-13 are allowed over prior art.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

2. Claims 8-9 are indicated allowable and the reasons for the allowance are stated in previous office action dated on 12/13/2004 (see paragraph 4).

3. Claims 7 and 11 are indicated allowable because the prior art in the record does not or suggest a burn-in socket assembly with the newly added features that an insulative base defines a plurality of passageways in a middle portion thereof and a slider member defines a plurality of holes corresponding to the passageways of the base recited in the claim 7 and that a slider member moves relative to the base along the horizontal direction and at least one actuation member actuates the slider member to move in the horizontal direction recited in independent claim 11.

4. The newly added claim 12 is indicated allowable because the prior art in the record also does not teach a burn-in socket assembly comprising an insulative base defined a plurality of passageway in a middle portion thereof and a sensor accommodated in an aperture to provide signals to a controller during being operated at a high temperature.

5. Claims 10 and 13 are dependent on claims 7 and 12 respectively and indicated allowable accordingly. In the "Remarks", applicant argued that none of the prior art teach or suggest the newly added features that an insulative base defines a plurality of

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passageways in a middle portion thereof and a slider member moves relative to the base along a horizontal direction (see pages 6 and 7). The examiner found out that the applicant's argument is persuasive.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kiffe US patent No. 6,353,329 disclose a IC test socket assembly comprising a base and a cover. However, Kiffe ('329) fails to disclose that the base defines a plurality of passageways in a middle portion thereof and a slider member moves relative to the base along a horizontal direction.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emily Y. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-1956. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:30.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on 571-272-2034. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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